



KU6S - Field Day 2003 - Central Park

By all measures Field Day was an enjoyable event this year. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend, just ask anyone who participated.

We are especially grateful to the food committee for all their efforts. The pot-luck/barbeque went smoothly. We all owe a big thank you to Harry Lau, Judy & Paul Lewis, Ernie Anaya, Bill Artelt and Sanjay Bhandari. Sunday Morning Gary McCulley's wife cooked breakfast for the operators that worked all night. Hot pancakes never tasted so good! If you were at the setup on Friday or Saturday, you were treated to Sandwiches made by Judy Lewis. What a spread. She made 100 sandwiches for the workers, each one in its own plastic wrap with a computer-generated label! It was a work of art. Harry provided coffee, water and orange juice while Bill Artelt brought the donuts on Saturday morning.

The antenna and equipment setup crew was terrific. They work from 11:00AM Friday morning late into the evening. This effort made Saturday morning a breeze. Ted Cameron set up the 80M dipole, Sam Severs the 15M Moxin for the GOTA station, John Cincotta the 40M SSB Dipole and station, Mike Studer the 20M CW station using a Moxin for the antenna, Kristen McIntyre the 20M SSB Station, James Lee provided the 2m/70cm station and antenna. Adam, Josh and Eli Feriante set up the 10M station.

One of the technical goals we set was to operate off of batteries for the 24-hour operating period. We accomplished our goal and proved we can use batteries at the 100-watt transmitting level. Three new antennas were designed and built for this Field Day. Sam's 15M Moxin, Mike's 20M Moxin and Al's 20M Yagi.

Technically, for next year, we need to address interference between stations operating on the same band and replace the CT logging software. Efforts are already underway on both of these issues.

A big thank you for all the work the SBARA membership went to for Field Day 2003. And oh yes... the results, we made 875 contacts and with the bonus points our score came out to be 3724 points which is very respectable indeed.

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JULY MEETING PROGRAM

For the July 16th SBARA membership-meeting program Dennis Franklin will be exhibiting some of his many "key" from his extensive collection. Dennis' presentation is full of his enthusiasm for the hobby and in particular, for the history of the CW key. Come see what he has to show at this month's meeting.

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SBARA Meeting Minutes — June

This evenings meeting was devoted to Field Day Preparation - the last weekend in June.

Al Rendon / WT5K reminded the membership of the Thursday evening SBARA 10 Meter net on 28.400 at 8:00 PM. A number of SBARA members are active. Al noted a contact he made after the last net with a ham in Bozeman, MT.

Mike Fung / WA6WAI had visited at a recent meeting and Al Rendon reminded the membership that Mike was looking to recruit SBARA members to assist with communications in the MS Walk-A-Thon on Friday June 20 and Saturday June 21.

New things this year for Field Day:

Set up of antennas will begin on Friday June 27 at 11:00 AM. We have not done this before and are going to take advantage of this rule.

We will have multiple stations on 20 & 40 Meters. Each band will have a CW & Phone station operating.

This time around we will have several small generators instead of the large Diesel generator set we have used on previous Field days. The club will also be making it's first attempt to operate with 10 used UPS batteries that we purchased locally.

Bill Artelt / WB9YVM will set up a public information table with handouts for visitors. Bill has also undertaken to contact the local papers to try and generate some publicity.

Al Rendon demonstrated the CT Logger program that we will use on Field day for our logging and gave everyone a try at using it.

Sam Severs / WS6S SBARA Secretary

PACIFICON 2003 will be held at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon California.

PACIFICON is the ARRL's Pacific Division convention. This year it will be held from October 17th through the 19th. Again, we will be bringing in great speakers, offering ham radio classes and testing to the public and sponsoring technology forums throughout the entire weekend. For additional information visit—
<http://www.pacificon.org>



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